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Constantinople, May 18. N. S.

THE Galleys and other Vessels that went hence about the end of *March* to the *Black-Sea* with Succours for the *Tartars*, arriving at the Place where they were to put the Soldiers and Ammunition ashore, found great resistance from the *Cossacks*, who being drawn together, killed many of the *Turks*, and sunk several of their Vessels, so that they were at last forced to retire. The *Moscovites* have a Garison of 10000 Men in *Asof*, and 200000 ready to take the Field; The Han has writ to the Port, that he cannot resist so powerful an Enemy without great Assistance; which is promised him, and he has been told likewise that the Grand Signior will stay longer at *Adrianople* than usually, to see whether his presence will be more necessary in his Army against the *Moscovites*, or against the *Germans*. In the mean time the Grand Signior and the Visier are gone to their Tents, and the Horses are sent to Grass; and it's believed the Sultan will set out towards *Belgrade* about the middle of *June*, in case the further advices from *Tartary* do not alter his Intention. The Turkish Fleet is now going out, the Captain-Bassa having received expres Orders for that purpose; It will consist of about 30 Men of War great and small; The Algerines have sent only two of their Ships, and excuse their not sending more, on account of the War they are engaged in against the Emperor of *Fez* and *Morocco*.

Messina, May 20. The *Walkeren*, a Dutch Privateer, is arrived here from cruising, and has brought in with him a French Ship called the *Africa*, bound from *Leghorne* to *Alexandria*, worth about 30000 Pieces of Eight; This Vessel was taken in the Channel of *Malta* about 10 days ago. Two Venetian Men of War have convoyed into the Fare of *Messina* two Galleys, one newly Built, the other taken from the Turks two Years ago, which the Republick give to the Pope. The Viceroy of *Sicily* is expected here this month from *Palermo*.

Genoua, June 9. The Count *d'Estree* sailed from *Thoulon* about 15 days ago with 9 Men of War, two Fireships, and two Bomb Vessels, and about the same time 32 Galleys departed from *Marseilles* with a great many Vessels laden with Cannon, Mortars, and Ammunition, being all designed for *Barcelona*.

Leghorne, June 10. We have received by a Felucca from *Messina*, Letters dated the 27th of the last month, which advise, that the *Panther* Privateer, Capt. *Fuller* Commander, carrying 30 Guns, met the 14th of *May* off *Foggia* in the *Levant*, a French Ship of 36 Guns, Commanded by Capt. *Horatio Tessier*; The French Man bore up to the *Panther*, and Capt. *Fuller* having drawn in his Guns, and keeping his Men close, let the Enemy come on Board him; whom he received so warmly, that of 60 that entred his Ship, 34 were killed, and most of the rest wounded; after which Capt. *Fuller* clap'd the French Ship on Board, and took her, with the loss only of 4 or 5 Men, and carried her to *Messina*: The Prize is a new Ship of 600 Tuns, laden with Hides, Wool and Wax from *Constantinople*, and is worth at least 50000 Dollars. The same Letters say, that a Dutch Privateer has taken from the French and carried to *Messina* a Ship formerly called the *Carmarthen* Galley, with a valuable Lading, which she took on Board at *Sydon*; as also a new Ship called the *Africa*, who had 30000 Pieces of Eight on Board, besides Goods; The French Merchants here are much concerned at these, and other Losses, which have very much Ruined their Trade in the *Levant*. The 7th Instant sailed hence the *John* Privateer, Capt. *Reggio* Commander, of 24 Guns, to cruise, and yesterday got sight of a Ship under Dutch Colours; but being come up with her, proved a French Man of War of 40 Guns and 300 Men, who Transported Cardinal *Bouillon's* Equipage to *Civita Vecchia*. The French Man gave him 3 Broad-sides, which *Reggio* answered, but being afterwards Boarded, after a stout Resistance, himself and Lieutenant wounded, and divers of his Men killed, the said Privateer yielded.

Milan, June 12. Our Governor has made a reform of the Troops in the *Milaneze*; The Regiment of *Wirtemberg* is broke, as likewise that of *Naples*; and the Suitzers reduced to 12 Companies.

Venice, June 14. The Pope's Galleys are departed from *Civita Vecchia*, and are to join with those of *Malta* at *Messina*, and so proceed to the *Levant*. A Vessel is arriv'd here from *Napoli di Romania*, and brings Letters dated there the 11th of the last Month. The Captain General was then preparing to go to Sea with the Fleet of this State; and had ordered a review to be taken of the Land Forces.

Dantzick, June 18. The Queen Dowager of *Poland* received this day an Expres from *Warsaw*, adviing, that the Sieur *Bielinski* is chosen Marshal of the Dyet, to which her Friends contributed all they could, being well assured that he is entirely in her Interests, notwithstanding the Suspicion some may have of his favouring the French, for which they have no other reason than his being related to the late Treasurer *Morstein*, who lived several Years in *France*, and left him his Estate.

Vienna, June 15. The Imperial Forces designed for the Siege of *Bihatz*, encamped near that place on the 8th Instant, after having possessed themselves of two small Castles, which were Garisoned by the Turks; and so soon as the Troops of *Croatia*, who were come within 2 days march of them, were arrived, they would begin to attack the Town. The rest of the Imperial Forces march to their Rendezvous near *Baya*. On Sonday last was celebrated the Emperor's Birth-day, when He entred into the 58th Year of his Age.

Francfort, June 23. The Confederate Forces, who lay at *Eppingen*, *Sintsheim* and *Dermentz*, are joined together, and are now Encamped at *Bruchsal*; where Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* is probably arrived by this time. Another Body of the Confederate Troops is posted near *Mentz*, to observe the motions of the French; whose Army under the Command of Marescha *Choiseul* was, according to the last News we have of them, Encamped at *Guntersblum*; and the Marquis *d'Uxelles* lay at the same time with a Flying Camp near *Spire*.

Cologne, June 25. Prince *Gaston* of *Tuscany* is expected in two or three days at *Duseldorp*, where great Preparations are made for celebrating his Marriage with the Princess of *Saxe-Lawenburg*. Three Regiments of the Palatine Forces are on their march to join the Army of the Allies on the *Upper Rhine*.

Hamburgh, June 25. The King of *Denmark* is returned to *Copenhagen*; and his Forces will march back to their Quarters, so soon as the 3 Forts in *Holstein*, lately surrendred to them, are demolished. The Court of *Sweden* have declared that they will support the Duke of *Holstein*, in case things go farther, and to this end Orders are given for putting to Sea 16 Swedish Men of War, which are all ready, and they are going to fit out others. They write from *Dresden*, that the Elector of *Saxony* was arrived there from *Vienna*, and would return in few days to Command the Imperial Army in *Hungary*. On Saturday last arrived in the River *Elbe* 6 Merchant Ships from *London*, under Convoy of 7 English Men of War, and two Fireships, commanded by Capt. *Beaumont*, who will sail again with the first fair Wind.

Paris, June 24. 'Twas reported here that the Trenches would be opened against *Barcelona* on the 11th Instant, but the last Letters of that date tell us, the Town was not yet Invested; The French Army was then Encamped about a League off, being 30000 Men, besides 2500 to be landed from the Ships and Galleys; The Count *d'Estrees* has been with 9 Men of War and two Bomb Ketches in the Road of *Barcelona* ever since the 3d Instant; and the Galleys lay about a League from thence with the Vessels that brought the Artillery and Provisions from *Provence*; The said Artillery consisting of 60 pieces of Cannon and 12 Mortars were put ashore the 9th and 10th; and in two or three days more they would form the Siege, and might be ready to open the Trenches the 15th or 16th.

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